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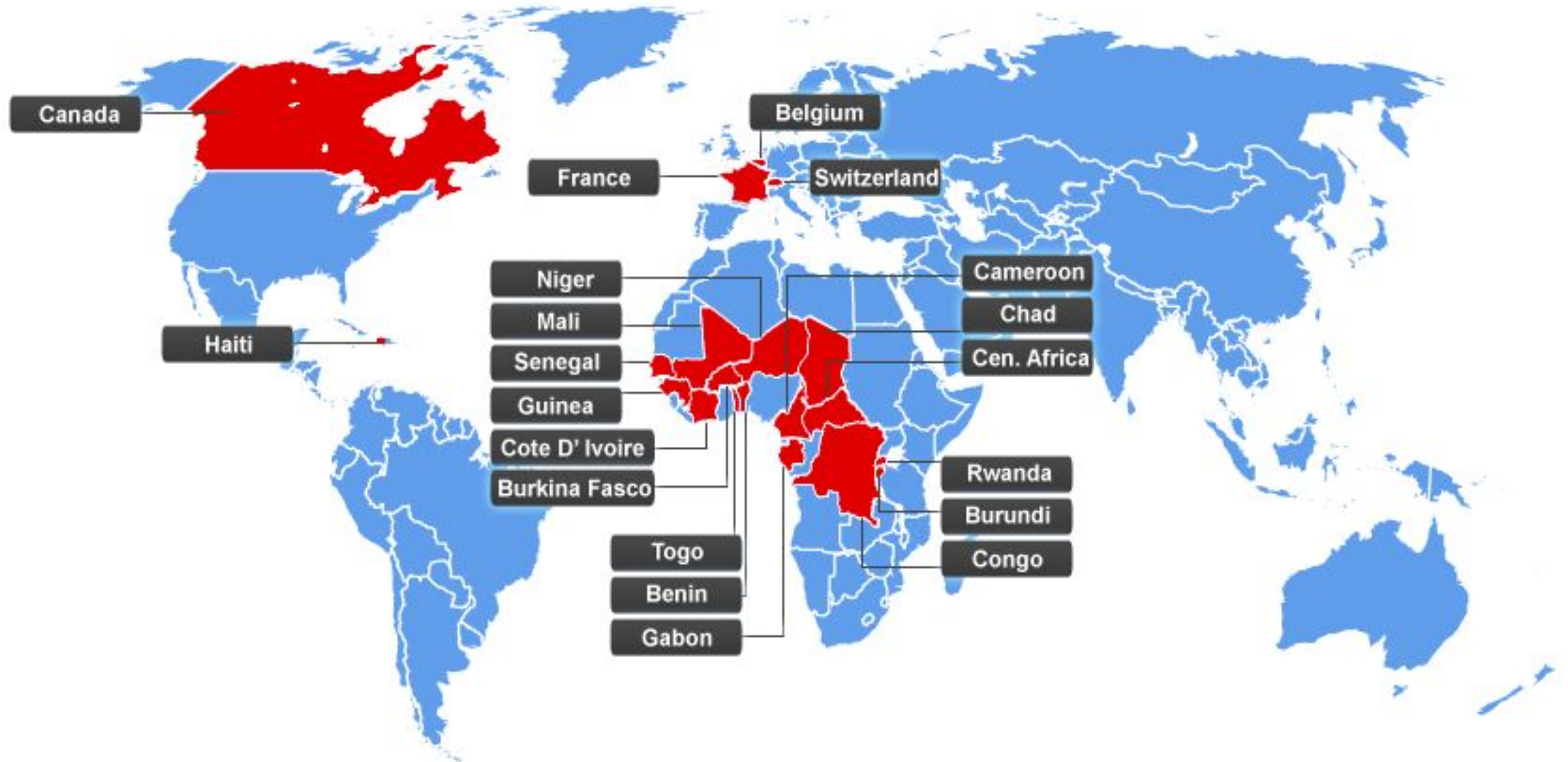
World Language



Where can languages take YOU?



See all the places French is spoken!



See all the places Spanish is spoken!

COUNTRIES WHERE SPANISH IS THE OFFICIAL OR NATIONAL LANGUAGE



You can start **French** or **Spanish**
in 7th or 8th grade.



When you move on to high school you'll be ahead!

Why learn a language

tolerance friends
empathy enjoyment
influence awareness
empowerment
pleasure
insight understanding
pride adaptability
advantages
scope
employability
opportunities
perspective
confidence
memories
freedom

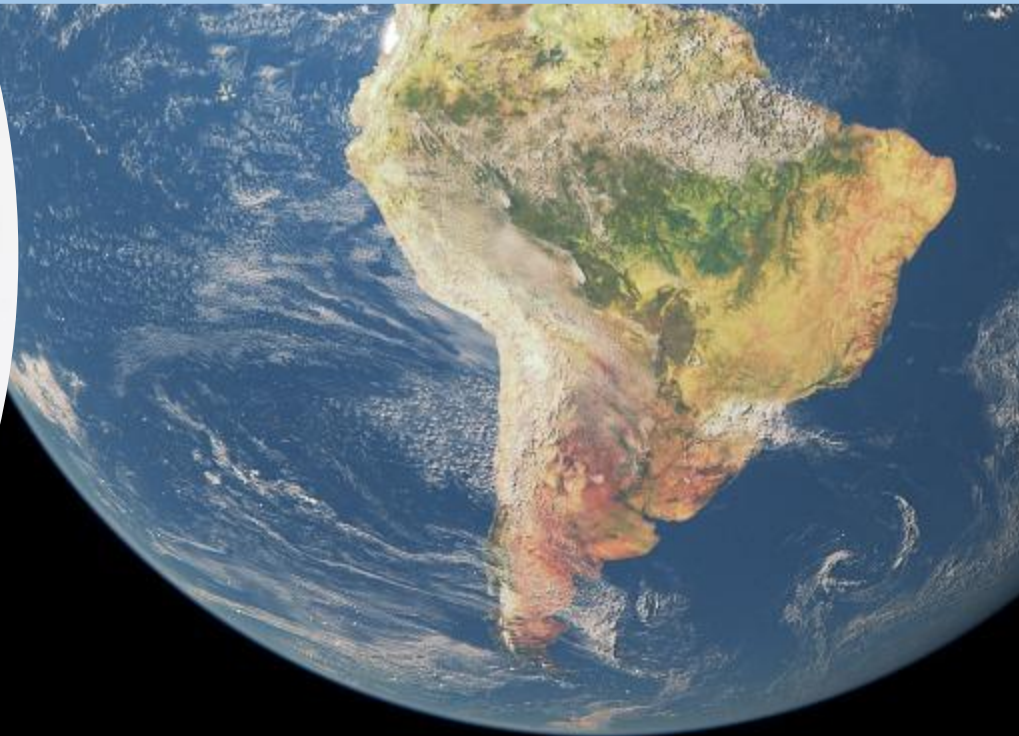
Plus, learning a language makes you **smarter!**



Language learners have **higher test scores,** **better memory,** and more **gray matter** in their brains!

“But, don’t most people in the world speak English?”

- 1) Is English the native language of most people?
- 2) Which native language is most spoken in the world?
- 3) What percentage of the world speaks English as their first language?



And the answers are...



1) Do most people in the world speak English as their first language? *Nope*

2) Which native language is most spoken in the world? *Mandarin Chinese is 1st (14.4% of the world's population).*

Spanish is 2nd (6% of the world's population).

3) What percentage of the world speaks English as their first language?

English is 3rd (only 5% of the world's population).

In the U.S., 20% of people are now bilingual, and it's growing fast!



However, in Europe, more than half (50%) of the population is bilingual or even multilingual.



So, should I take **French** or **Spanish**?

It's your choice!



French

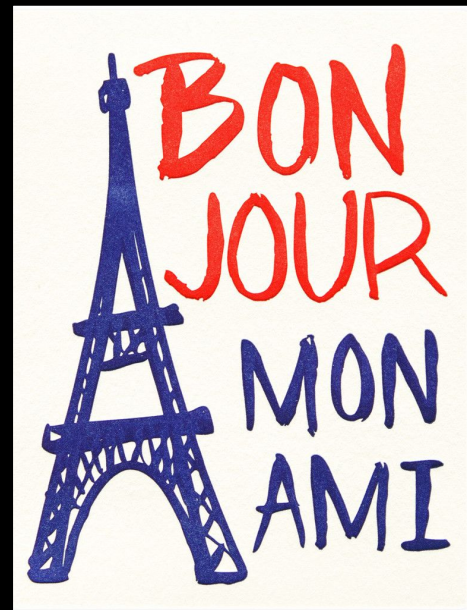
- **44 countries** speak it, including France and many countries in Africa.
- **Quebec** speaks French and is nearby in Canada.
- **Paris**, the city of love

Spanish

- **21 countries** speak it, including most of Central and South America.
- **Puerto Rico**, **Mexico**, and the **Dominican Republic** are nearby.
- **Madrid** and **Barcelona**

What should I expect to do in language class?

1. Speak, read, and write in French or Spanish in class.
2. Work with and support your peers.
3. Complete lots of **SPEAKING** proficiency tasks that show what **YOU** know.
4. Demonstrate commitment and creativity.



What habits do I need to have to be successful?

World Language students need to be ready for an academic challenge. Since this is a high school class

- you will be expected to keep up with your lessons
 - complete your homework
 - study vocabulary
 - maintain a passing grade to get credit
 - self advocate when you need help



Questions?

Email your school counselor



